

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An expendable container storing an expendable, the expendable container comprising:

a memory circuit having a memory, an antenna being capable of establishing non-contact communication with an external receiver transmitter, and a controller controlling the non-contact communication and an access to the memory,

wherein the memory circuit having a plurality of modes including ID information confirmation mode and low power consumption mode, the ID information confirmation mode being for the receiver transmitter to communicate with the memory circuit in order to confirm ID information of the expendable container, the low power consumption mode keeping lessened ~~lessening~~ functions of the controller for increasing an impedance of the controller to reduce an electrical current value of the antenna as long as the memory circuit is in operation,

wherein the memory circuit is capable of shifting to the low power consumption mode in response to a completion of confirmation of the ID information of the expendable container.

2. (original): The expendable container in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the low power consumption mode is disable mode for deactivating the controller's function.

3. (original): The expendable container in accordance with claim 2, wherein
the expendable container further comprising:
a reset signal generator configured to control activation and deactivation of the controller,
in response to a voltage level of a power generated by an electromagnetic induction,
wherein the reset signal generator is configured to stop the controller in response to the
completion of confirmation of the ID information of the expendable container.

4. (canceled).

5. (original): The expendable container in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the memory circuit is configured to receive a preset command sent from the external
receiver transmitter to the expendable container in response to the completion of confirmation of
the ID information of the expendable container, and shift to the low power consumption mode in
response to the reception of the preset command.

6. (currently amended): A device capable of loading an expendable container that stores
an expendable, the device comprising:

an expendable container loader capable of loading each of a plurality of expendable
containers storing expendables at each of a plurality of predetermined locations;

a receiver transmitter capable of establishing a non-contact communication with the
plurality of expendable containers; and

a moving mechanism configured to move at least one of the expendable container loader and the receiver transmitter, in order to allocate the receiver transmitter at a predetermined proximity position relative to each of the plurality of expendable containers,

wherein the expendable container comprises a memory circuit having a memory, an antenna being capable of establishing non-contact communication with an external receiver transmitter at the proximity position, and a controller controlling the non-contact communication and an access to the memory,

wherein the memory circuit comprises a plurality of modes including ID information confirmation mode for the receiver transmitter to communicate with the memory circuit in order to confirm ID information of the expendable container, and low power consumption mode for keeping ~~lessened~~ ~~lessening~~ functions of the controller for increasing an impedance of the controller to reduce an electrical current value of the antenna as long as the memory circuit is in operation, the memory circuit being capable of shifting to the low power consumption mode in response to a completion of confirmation of the ID information of the expendable container,

wherein the device is configured to confirm the ID ~~information~~ information of the plurality of expendable containers corresponding to the predetermined plurality of locations, at which the plurality of expendable containers are loaded, based on relative positions of the plurality of expendable containers to the receiver transmitter and the confirmed ID information of the multiple expendable containers.

7. (original): The device in accordance with claim 6, wherein
the receiver transmitter is capable of sending a command to the expendable container to shift the memory circuit to the low power consumption mode, in response to the completion of confirmation of ID information of the expendable container.

8. (canceled).

9. (new): The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the memory circuit is configured to decrease a frequency of an internal clock of the memory circuit in the low power consumption mode, for increasing the impedance of the controller to reduce the electrical current value of the antenna.